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You can always bank on what New River is going to do in an election—after the returns are all in.

The more you study the returns of the Ascension primary the more you wonder how it was done and why.

Maybe New River hasn't clinched her reputation as the "little joker" of Ascension politics! Now you see it and now you don't.

Ex-United States-Senators Wm. Pitt Kellogg of Louisiana and Wm. E. Chandler of New Hampshire have united in an address of admonition and counsel to southern Republicans concerning the course that should be pursued in the matter of sending delegates to the next national convention.

Learning that primary election day was also Lieut. Gov. Sanders' birthday anniversary, a clever New Orleans woman who ardently favored his nomination sent him a telegram wishing him "Many happy returns."

The wish was speedily realized, as the "returns" showed that he had been successful by nearly 15,000 majority.

Wonder if He Does?
On the eve of the late lamented Democratic primary the Baton Rouge Truth uttered this luminous prediction:

When Wilkinson is Lenton and Little Donnie Caffery goes back home and hears the cannon booming and the bands playing, he is going to feel like a yard of blood pudding stuffed with macaroni.

Will Mr. Caffery kindly condescend to satisfy our burning curiosity to know whether he really feels that way, and how it feels to feel so?

C. V. Porter, son of Judge Porter of Natchitoches, has been appointed private secretary to Gov. Blanchard, vice T. O. Harris, appointed traveling auditor. Young Mr. Porter was a stenographer in the governor's office, and had resigned to enter the law school of Yale University, but concluded to defer the prosecution of his legal studies in order to accept the post of private secretary for the few remaining months of Gov. Blanchard's term.

For some may smile while others weep." It was a peculiar coincidence that primary election day, on which he was nominated for governor, was the birthday anniversary of Lieut. Gov. J. Y. Sanders and therefore to him a doubly pleasant occasion.

Whereas to his competitor, Hon. Theo. S. Wilkinson, the day proved doubly unfortunate, since he not only sustained a defeat of his political aspirations, but was subjected to a still greater affliction by the sudden and unexpected death of his venerable mother.

Capt. Gustavus Foster, a native of Virginia, died in New Orleans on the 28th of January in his seventy-sixth year, leaving a widow, one daughter and one son, the latter being Hon. Rufus E. Foster, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Louisiana. Capt. Foster served with distinction in the Confederate navy during the civil war and for a number of years afterwards commanded various merchant steam vessels. During the past ten years he filled the position of keeper of the Merrill Shell Bank lighthouse, opposite Pass Christian, Miss., resigning several months ago because of the impairment of health that resulted in his death.

Two candidates for speaker of the next Louisiana house of representatives are already in the field—L. E. Thomas of Shreveport and Henry Garland Dupré of New Orleans. These gentlemen are Democratic nominees for representative, Mr. Thomas from the parish of Caddo and Mr. Dupré from the fourteenth ward of Orleans parish, and while neither has yet been elected, it is taken for granted by themselves and their friends that their nomination at the recent primary is equivalent to election in April.

Both are able and aggressive young men, with considerable experience in public affairs and political campaigning, hence the contest for the speakership promises to be a pretty one.

LIST OF LETTERS.
Remaining in the postoffice at Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, Feb. 8, 1903.

- Adams, John
- Lawler, Reuben
- Lowman, Bill
- Lawler, Henrietta
- Marke, Stella
- Low, Harry D.
- Hugh, Henry
- Low, M. L.
- Wynn, G. M.
- McClary, Sallie
- Brown, Jas. W.
- Marble, Mary
- Callahan, Oshanna
- Kason, James
- Cable, Leggett
- Mason, Fernando
- Chabre, Ernestine C.
- Hoiden, Leo
- Cloutier, Eugene
- Howland, Edward
- Caldwell, Bertha
- Murray, John
- Javis, Stella
- Netter, Belle
- Talbot, Anthony
- Nease, William
- Finley, John B.
- Nease, John
- Foster, Elizabeth
- Peterson, Jane
- Gaines, Fella
- Hans, Gertrude
- Gire, Orla
- Roberts, Geo. A.
- Givens, W.
- Sereno, Tony
- Quinn, Lizzie
- Short, Henriette
- Guice, G. B.
- Shepherd, Lillian
- Harris, W. F.
- Smith, W. O.
- Harris, Orla
- Smith, William
- Haste, Jeremy
- Walker, Lewis
- Fragnon, W. H. & Son
- Walker, Lewis
- Hill, Maggie
- White, Thomas
- Jefferson, Charles
- Williamson, T. O. & Co.
- Johnson, William
- Williamson, T. O. & Co.
- Lee, Annie
- Wilk, Josephine
- Lacour, J.
- Wilk, A.

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Appreciated Solicitude.

For fear that the wide-awake Chief and vigilant Times may not think that the item printed here is of any importance to the business interests of our town, we reproduce, from the river column of the Times-Democrat, of Thursday, Jan. 30, as follows:

Among the freight of the Garig leaving yesterday was a number of slot machines destined for Donaldsonville.

Thus it comes that the election of a sheriff, strictly by the vote of Donaldsonville, will revive the town's chief industry.—Donaldsonville Progress.

Without stopping to inquire into the motive that prompted its solicitude in this matter, we thank the esteemed recently-and-rudely-awakened Progress for calling our attention to a commercial item that in all likelihood would otherwise have escaped us, inasmuch as there is scarcely more occasion in our business to peruse the river columns of the New Orleans papers than for the steamers plying between that port and Donaldsonville to make use of the columns of the local press in furthering their business.

Personally, the importation of slot machines is of little moment to us, for we quit the game long ago, and in this respect we believe the esteemed Times is in the same boat. Furthermore, we don't chew gum, and our friends of the Famous Blue and Lemon stores always permit us to take free use of their hog-scales, hence there is no reason why we should put penalties in the slot to obtain material for mastication or ascertain the weights of ourselves and friends. Even picture-postal cards won't tempt us to waste time and coin in toying with the seductive orifice of the whirligig any more.

Of course, our home people know better, but for fear credulous outsiders may be misled, it is perhaps well to remark that the Progress speaks facetiously in referring to the slot machine business as Donaldsonville's chief industry. In point of fact, there are several chief industries besides The Chief that have the slot machine business backed as far off the board as were the ante-primary predictions of the esteemed Progress by the actual results of last week's little Democratic tussle for the state and parochial fleshpots.

Our esteemed contemporary was joking also in incidentally accusing Donaldsonville of sole responsibility for Candidate Hanson's nomination for sheriff, because the election returns show that four of the parish's eight wards and eight of its fifteen polls gave him majorities and must therefore bear a share of whatever blame, credit, misfortune or benefit, as the case may be, is to grow out of his success. The latter contingency may properly be left to future observation and discussion, in the event that the nominee of the primary becomes sheriff of the parish after the general election yet to be held. For manifest reasons The Chief took no part in the primary contest and was precluded from expressing its preferences as between the individuals contending for the nominations of their party, but with the official consent of the sheriff we shall have as much concern as any other citizen or newspaper, and shall reserve the right to comment upon it as freely as even the esteemed Progress seems likely to do.

Meanwhile, we reiterate our appreciation of the thoughtful solicitude manifested by our contemporary in directing The Chief's attention to the more or less important slot machine importation, and shall await with interest the further disclosures, which will doubtless be made as to the ultimate destination and operations of the ingenious contrivances forming the assignment.

The Pharr Campaign.
The preliminary mass meetings of the Republican campaign in Louisiana have been held at New Orleans, New Iberia, Lake Charles and Shreveport, and we have the testimony of the Democratic press that all were largely attended, enthusiastic gatherings, and that the Republican candidate for governor, Henry N. Pharr, and his fellow speakers were not only accorded attentive and respectful hearings, but their presentation and advocacy of the grounds upon which the Republican party lays claim to the support of the state's voters at the approaching election elicited marked demonstrations of approval from their hearers.

A conference of representative Republicans is to be held in New Orleans next Monday afternoon, on the call of the campaign committee, at which it is understood a plan for the prosecution of an active canvass of the state from this line until the holding of the April election will be discussed and mapped out. Mr. Pharr and the other candidates on the Republican state ticket stand committed to the policy of making as active and earnest a campaign as it success could be looked to as its certain culmination, and we hope no insuperable obstacle to the carrying out of this purpose will be encountered.

The people should bear both sides of the political question to be decided at the general election, and not until they have heard both sides will they be qualified to render an intelligent judgment.

Gov. Blanchard has caused the expected to happen by appointing his private secretary, T. O. Harris, to the new position of traveling state auditor created by act of the last general assembly. We agree with Republican gubernatorial candidate Henry N. Pharr that the position ought not to have been created and that its duties could well have been regulated to the state bank examiner and his assistant, but the place having been established, we are free to recognize the capacity and worth of the gentleman selected to fill it.

Candidates in the Second Primary.

Practically complete returns from the Democratic primary election held in this state last week indicate that the following candidates will be voted for in the second primary, which is to take place on Tuesday, February 25:

Lieutenant Governor—P. M. Lambremont of St. James; James J. Bailey of St. Landry.

Auditor of Public Accounts—Paul Capdevielle of Orleans; W. S. Frazee of Orleans, (formerly of St. Landry).

Attorney General—Walter Guion of Assumption; A. V. Coco of Avoyelles.

Register of Land Office—Fred. J. Grace of Iberville; A. W. Crandell of Orleans.

It is reported that the seventeen ward bosses of New Orleans held a caucus and agreed to support Messrs. Lambremont for lieutenant governor, Capdevielle for auditor and Guion for attorney general, but that there was some disagreement over the proposition to include Crandell for register of the land office in the "slate," hence the matter of that position was left open for future action. There will no doubt be much resentment aroused among the friends of the other candidates over this attempt of the city bosses to dictate to the rest of Louisiana what particular aspirants for the several state offices shall be favored, and an interesting struggle is promised for the all four vacancies on the Democratic ticket to be filled by the second primary.

There will be but one parochial nomination in Ascension voted on at the second primary—that for assessor, the contestants being A. A. King of the eighth ward, who received 635 votes in the first primary, and Louis A. Landry of the fourth ward, whose votes in the first primary totalled 540.

The failure to nominate for this office at the first primary was due to the presence in the field of a third candidate, James E. Ayraud of the first ward, who polled 295 votes, thus preventing either of his competitors from receiving the majority of the total vote which is necessary under the law to constitute a nomination.

There is a fruitful field for speculation as to the outcome of the approaching struggle between Messrs. King and Landry, who are both active, competent and popular, and the contest bids fair to be close and exciting, barring unforeseen contingencies and combinations. Mr. Landry is the present incumbent of the office, and Mr. King is parish treasurer and ex-officio secretary of the police jury.

The considerations that would seem to militate in favor of Mr. King's success are that he led his opponent by nearly a hundred votes in the first primary; that he hails from a section of the parish which casts the bulk of the Democratic vote, and is represented by only one parochial candidate among the first nominated in the first primary, and that of the 295 votes given to Mr. Ayraud in the first primary 135 were from Mr. Landry's side of the Mississippi while 160 were from Mr. King's side of the river.

Of course Mr. Landry and his friends will hope to overcome the handicap of these circumstances, but it cannot be gainsaid that the handicap exists.

A Timely Police Shake-Up in New Orleans.

Tardily recognizing the fact, already apparent to everybody else, that his outrageous invasion of a business office and deliberate attempt to assassinate a citizen engaged in the peaceful pursuit of his lawful occupation made his retention in the position of chief of the New Orleans police force a sheer impossibility, Edgar S. Whitaker tendered his resignation and Wm. J. O'Connor was unanimously chosen by the board of police commissioners to fill the vacancy. Mr. O'Connor is in his sixtieth year, but has the physique and energy of a much younger man, and is admirably qualified by experience and temperament for the efficient performance of the duties of his new position. He has resided in New Orleans nearly all his life and has been connected with the public and private police services of the city for more than forty years.

After the death of Col. Thos. N. Boylan, Mr. O'Connor became superintendent of the well-known Boylan protective police and detective agency, resigning that place on account of temporary impairment of health, from which he has now fully recuperated.

Inspector O'Connor is one of the best known men in New Orleans, and there appears to be unanimous concurrence in the opinion that he will make a model police inspector. We trust this prognostication may be verified, for New Orleans has long been in need of such an official.

After several postponements to suit the convenience of the accused, the preliminary trial of ex-inspector Whitaker for his murderous attack upon Editor J. M. LaRue of the Morning World was set for today, before Judge E. K. Skinner of the first city criminal court. There can be no reasonable doubt that Whitaker will be committed under substantial bond to answer the charge of assault with intent to murder.

Inspector O'Connor was to conduct a detailed inquiry yesterday into the conduct of the five suspended members of the detective force—Messrs. Coyle, Glynn, Dale, Meigs and Holyland—who accompanied Inspector Whitaker to a bodyguard on the occasion of his raid upon the World office. Unless mitigating circumstances can be shown which have not yet been made public, it will be surprising if all the accused detectives are not separated from their official haunts.

This is Worth Seeing.
Leo F. Zedlitz, of 65 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I used the most annoying cold cure I ever had, with Buckley's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when the cold of the nose was gone. Head aches, sneezing, and discharge by an operation."

Death of Hon. T. S. Wilkinson's Mother.

A long and beautiful life came to a sudden and peaceful close in New Orleans on January 23, when the spirit of Josephine Osborn Stark, widow of the late Dr. J. B. Wilkinson and mother of Hon. Theo. S. Wilkinson, left its mortal casket. The venerable lady, who was in her eighty-fifth year, had been in feeble health, but there was nothing in her condition to indicate the near approach of death, and she was preparing to go out and visit friends when the final summons came.

Mrs. Wilkinson was born at Woodville, Miss., Dec. 23, 1823, and became the bride of Dr. Wilkinson at the age of 19. The union was blessed with seven sons and one daughter, the latter, Mrs. Thomas Worthington of Birmingham, Ala., dying in that city in 1890. The sons were J. Biddle Wilkinson, Jr. former United States general appraiser at New York; Theo. S. Wilkinson, who succeeded his father as a sugar planter at Myrtle Grove, Plaquemines parish; Andrew Wilkinson, who was long known in New Orleans journalism and a member of the Times-Democrat's editorial staff; Dr. C. P. Wilkinson, who was president of the State Board of Health and quarantine physician for a score of years; Horace Wilkinson, a prominent sugar planter of West Baton Rouge parish; James Wilkinson, district attorney of Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes, and Ernest Wilkinson, a prominent lawyer of Washington, D. C. The Chief tendered heartfelt sympathy to the worthy descendants of this model woman and mother, whose pure life and manifold virtues will ever be to them a heritage beyond price.

Weather and Crop Notes.
If the weather man is trying to establish a reputation for eccentricity or fickleness, he is certainly succeeding nobly, since nothing at all similar to the very diverse and peculiar meteorological conditions at present prevailing have ever before been experienced in this section of the universe. Sunshine, clouds, rain and ice, north, east, south and west winds, and summer and freezing temperatures, not content with following each other in rapid succession, have finally intermingled and arrive in bunches at frequent intervals, until even the oldest inhabitant and the most infallible weather prophet have yielded the palm and confessed to being all in, down and out.

Cane planting is under way on all of the plantations in this locality and will be concluded within a few days. The seed is reported to be in splendid condition.

An unusually hard rain fell throughout the parish Wednesday afternoon and was followed by a steady drizzle, which continued with monotonous regularity for the remainder of the day. Field work was interrupted for the time being, but was resumed with renewed vigor Thursday and yesterday, when delightful weather prevailed.

A Big Success in Spite of the Financial Panic.

The Biggest Business in the History of the Institution.
During the month just passed, the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, enjoyed the largest enrollment for any one month since the school was established, and their heavy correspondence indicates that this month will also be a record breaker. This big success, with such a financial crisis as this country is just passing over, is conclusive evidence of two things. First, that the Tyler Commercial College is giving the most thorough and practical education possible, one that fully meets the demands of the business world. Second, it proves that the better thinking people were made to realize by the panic that there is no better way of investing their earnings than in a practical commercial education. May this institution continue to prosper. It is doing a great good for our young people. Parents interested in placing their sons and daughters in a commercial college where they will receive valuable moral training as well as a thorough and practical business training, would do well to investigate this school. A business training without the proper moral training as a foundation is a failure.

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Negro "Bad Man" Killed.

Zach Johnson, a negro "bad man" and bully, was shot by Constable John Ramirez about 11 o'clock Thursday night while attempting to evade arrest, and died from the effects of his injuries at 2 o'clock Friday morning.

Johnson and two other notorious blacks, Sonny Harris and Kid Swift, have been operating in this locality for some time past, and a number of crimes and misdemeanors are laid at their door by the local police authorities. The trio had a "grudge" against Joe Mitchell, a young negro employed at Fred. Linde's jewelry store in this town, and sent word to Mitchell that they intended to kill him at the first opportunity. After having remained away from Donaldsonville for several months, Johnson and his two pals returned Thursday morning, and Mitchell no sooner learned of their presence in town than he informed Sheriff St. Martin of the threat against his life and asked that official for protection. Accordingly, Sheriff St. Martin ordered the arrest of the unsavory trio, and at 10:30 o'clock Thursday night Chief of Police H. Schaff, Sr., Officer Albert Gauthreaux, Constable John Ramirez and Deputy Sheriff Lucien Acosta proceeded to the Tea and Pea saloon in Churchville, opposite the Texas and Pacific freight depot, for the purpose of taking the negroes into custody, having previously been informed that the men they were after could be found at the above place. Upon arriving at the saloon and called upon Johnson and his companions to surrender, Constable Ramirez remaining on guard outside. At the appearance of the officers, Zach Johnson and Sonny Harris fled through a back door, Harris jumping over a fence and disappearing, while Johnson ran around the building to the street. Here he encountered Constable Ramirez, who ordered him to halt and surrender. Johnson paid no attention to this command, whereupon the officer, who was armed with a double-barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot, fired upon the fleeing negro and, failing to stop him with the first barrel, pulled trigger a second time, aiming at the fugitive's legs. Although badly injured, Johnson jumped over several line fences and disappeared, and it was nearly an hour later before the officers discovered him lying in an adjacent yard bleeding profusely from a wound in each leg. The prisoner was picked up and carried to the office of Coroner E. K. Sims, who found that bullets from Constable Ramirez's shotgun had severed the main arteries in both legs, and that considerable blood had escaped. The wounds were dressed and Johnson was conveyed to the parish prison, where he died about 2 o'clock a. m. Friday. The third member of the gang, Kid Swift, made no attempt to escape and surrendered to Chief Schaff, who turned him over to Officer Gauthreaux and Deputy Acosta for incarceration in the parish jail. Constable Ramirez surrendered to Sheriff St. Martin yesterday morning and was immediately released, the sheriff and District Attorney G. A. Goddard holding that the shooting was entirely justifiable. Johnson was a "bad egg" in every sense of the term, and is said to have been wanted on various charges in Wallaceville, Plaquemine and other places.

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